

Western Redcedar

Thuja plicata

SIZE AT

AGE 250: 100-160 feet tall
2-8 feet in diameter

LIFE SPAN: 1,000+ years

LEAVES: Small, overlapping scale-like leaves that form sprays, in opposite pattern, shiny dark-green in color. 1/16-1/8" long.

CONES: 3/4" long. Brown.

BARK: Cinnamon-red on young stems, gray on old trunks. Fibrous and shredding.



WHERE TO FIND:



Moist hillsides, beside streams. Often found with western hemlock.



THINGS TO KNOW:

Wood is very resistant to rot. The chief wood used for roofing shingles. For paneling, utility poles. Also valuable for outdoor construction and boat building. Indians used for totem poles and canoes. Its bark was woven into baskets, nets, and fabric for clothing. Its a member of the cypress family, so not a true cedar.